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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Directs that the third Bitumen Road Emulsion Plant be located at Hassan.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 4467-9—I. & C. 136-38-7, dated 18th November 1938, sanctioning the installation of a Third Bitumen Road Emulsion Plant in the State and directing the location thereof either at Shimoga or Bhadravati.

2. Correspondence ending with Note No. 25—38-39, dated the 19th December 1938, from the Director, Sandalwood Oil Factory, recommending, for reasons explained, the location of the Emulsion Plant sanctioned in the Government order read above, at Hassan.

ORDER No. D. 5611-18—I. & C. 136-38-11, DATED BANGALORE, THE 21ST DECEMBER 1938.

The Director, Sandalwood Oil Factory, reports that, in view of the necessity for arranging for the efficient working of the plant and its supervision by him, it would be best to instal the plant at Hassan. On a consideration of the balance of advantage, Government are pleased to approve of the proposal to locate the Plant at Hassan, instead of at Shimoga or Bhadravati.

2. The Director is requested to select a suitable site and proceed with the construction of the necessary buildings, etc., so that the machinery when received may be installed with the least possible delay.

3. The General Manager, Mysore State Railway, the Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle, the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District and the Chief Electrical Engineer are requested to afford all necessary assistance to the Director in this matter.

P. H. KRISHNA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department
(Incharge).

Reviews the Administration Report of the Sericultural Department for the year 1937-38.

READ—

Report on the working of the Sericultural Department in Mysore during the year 1937-38, received from the Director of Industries and Commerce in Mysore, with his letter No. D. 4. 188-38, dated 10th November 1938, along with his review thereon.

ORDER NO. D. 5176-85—SERI. 42-38-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 8—9TH DECEMBER 1938.

Recorded.

2. There was a slight reduction in the imports of silk yarn during the year, but an appreciable increase in the imports of raw silk and artificial silk yarn. The imports of the latter article, *viz.*, artificial silk yarn, rose abnormally from 17,628,884 lbs. to 31,589,038 lbs. (an increase of about 14 million pounds). This indicates to what little extent the protective duties have had the desired effect.

3. As a result of inadequate and unevenly distributed rainfall and the fall in prices of cocoons and silk, the area under mulberry which stood at 30,000 acres at the end of the previous year declined to 26,175 acres during the year under review. A large number of people were encouraged to raise mulberry topes which increased to 60 (41) at the end of the year and demonstration mulberry topes were raised in important sericultural villages along Bidadi-Maddur, Bangalore-Kolar and Bangalore-Devanhalli roads. Seventy-two cart-loads of green mulberry cuttings were supplied free of cost to sericulturists from the Government Farms. A special survey of all sericultural villages in the State was conducted and statistics relating to the area under mulberry, yield of cocoons, silk, etc., were collected and compiled

4. The question of further continuing the protection to the silk industry was taken up by the Tariff Board. The members of the Board visited important sericultural areas in Mysore during June, July and August 1938 with a view to study the condition of the silk industry and to gain first-hand knowledge.

5. The demand for cross-breed layings was very keen during the year and Government sanctioned an additional grant of Rs. 45,300 during the year to improve the production of disease-free layings and to adopt measures to reduce the cost of production of silk. There were 10 Government grainages and 21 aided grainages at the end of the year for preparing cross-breed layings. The Government grainages prepared altogether 5,482,026 (4,491,948) disease-free layings and the aided grainages 3,958,407 (3,177,655).

6. The research work in regard to refrigeration of cross-breed layings and multivoltine seed cocoons was continued during the year.

7. The total expenditure on the department during the year amounted to Rs. 1,99,000 against Rs. 1,57,500 in the previous year.

8. The working of the Department during the year was satisfactory.

J. APPAJI GOWDA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.